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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Inouye:

On September 21, 2009, representatives from the Federal Protective Service (FPS) and the United States Marshals Service (USMS) met with a representative from your office to discuss the effect of the Honolulu Light Rail Project on security at the Prince-Jonah-Kuhio Kalaniana'ole (PJKK) Courthouse in Honolulu, Hawaii. This letter reflects the joint position of both FPS and USMS with respect to these concerns.

The Honolulu Light Rail Project has been in the planning stages since at least 2004. Approximately 20 miles of rail will be installed on a line of concrete pillars rising 45 feet above ground. The route includes the rail running along Halekauwila Street adjacent to the U.S. Courthouse and PJKK Federal Building. There will be no station along this section of the rail. The trains will only pass by this area, and this route will not infringe on the federal property line with the closest point to the Courthouse being no less than 50 feet away. However, the concern raised is that the elevation of the light rail is adjacent to offices housing sensitive staff in the Courthouse.

It is the position of both FPS and USMS that the proposed light rail on Halekauwila Street does not pose any additional threat to the Courthouse beyond that of surface traffic. Although additional countermeasures are not required, the City of Honolulu has offered to install several additional security measures to address concerns associated with sensitive staff.

FPS and USMS will coordinate with the City of Honolulu to facilitate the installation of security measures. Representatives who have decision-making authority for FPS and USMS are as follows:

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We appreciate your patience and willingness to collaboratively work towards a solution that will meet the security requirements for this important facility. Please feel free to contact us if you require any additional assistance.

Sincerely,



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